

Utah 2016-17 State Testing November 17, 2016



Today's Goals

- Provide high level information to Utah district and school staff to assist in the successful planning and administration of the ACT test
- Provide an understanding of tasks that schools will need to complete and the schedule of events
- Provide resources and contact information to help with questions



Agenda

- Utah Testing Program
- Testing Program Changes
- Online Testing
- Technology
- PearsonAccess^{next}/Test Coordinator Role
- Reporting
- Accommodations
- Things to Start Thinking about
- Resources and Contact Information



What We Are Not Going To Cover

- Testing Staff and Training
- Test Materials
- Pretest Activities
- Test Day Activities
- Preparing for Makeup Testing
- Packing and Returning Materials



Utah Testing Program



Program Specifics for Utah State Testing

- The ACT (No Writing)
 - Taken online
 - Taken on paper

- ACT-approved accommodations
- Non-college reportable accommodations



Test Dates

- Initial test date: February 28, 2017
 - FedEx pickup: March 1, 2015
- 1st makeup test date: March 21, 2017
 - FedEx pickup: March 22, 2017
- 2nd makeup test date: April 19, 2017
 - FedEx pickup: April 20, 2017
- Online and accommodated testing window: February 28
 - March 14, 2017
 - FedEx pickup: March 15, 2017



Online Testing

Number of Test Dates

- 11 days of testing (weekdays only)
- Different groups can test each day; once a student begins a test, he/she needs to complete the test that day.

Device Offerings

- School-owned desktops and laptops only; this includes studentassigned that meet requirements.
- Chromebooks are supported only when used with installable app software. iPads are not supported at this time.

Delivery Modes

 Schools can choose to administer paper OR online. Schools will also be able to do mixed-mode administration of the ACT, allowing some students to test online and some on paper.



Administration Requirements

The ACT must be administered over 2 days

- Pre-Test Session- students must complete the pre-test sessions before the administration of the academic tests.
- Test day- students will then take the ACT on:
 - Initial, Makeup or Second Makeup paper/pencil test date –
 - Online and Accommodated testing window

There is additional flexibility on when the pre-test session for students testing online.



Testing Program Changes



Why Are There Changes?

ACT is continually making enhancements to systems, services and products. If you were a participating school or test coordinator in 2015-2016, you should expect some improvements.

Let's discuss some of these changes.

Specific information will be provided at the time of each activity.



Change #1: Participation

- Establishment is gone and has been replaced with participation.
 - What's the difference between establishment and participation?
- The process is starting later (and the window ends later).
 - The process began on November 7, 2016.



Change #2: PearsonAccess^{next}

- PAnext will be used by testing staff for various test related activities.
 - Applies to online and paper/pencil testing
 - Participation
 - Creating/deleting/editing user accounts
 - Adding/deleting/editing students
 - Assigning test sessions
 - What's the difference between establishment and participation?
- The extended use of PAnext will permit more of a self-serve model to testing.



Change #3: Off-Site Testing

- What is off-site testing? An option for schools that are unable to meet ACT's facility requirements; schools may go to an off-site testing location that meet those requirements.
- Schools will no longer need to complete an offsite testing request form.
 - No need to receive ACT approval
 - Must provide basic information about the off-site location when you return your test day documentation



Change #4: The ACT Taken Online

- New for Utah in 2016-17!
- Schools will need to meet hardware, software, and other technical requirements.
- Site will need to successfully complete site readiness.
- ProctorCashing will be required.

More information in this presentation



Change #5: Enrollment Counts

- Schools will not be confirming or entering enrollment counts in PAnext.
 - The initial enrollment count will automatically be populated based on the number of examines loaded in the system.
 - ACT will work with USBE on this task.
- The information on the enrollment screen determines the quantity of materials sent for the initial test day.
- Additional materials can be ordered through PAnext.



Change #6: Nonsecure and Secure Material

 ACT is combining the nonsecure and secure shipments.

 The shipment will now contain both nonsecure and secure materials.

Materials will arrive about two weeks before test day.



Change #7: Accommodations

- Utah schools will not have the option to order non-college reportable accommodations.
- Accommodations materials will be shipped in bulk. ACT will no longer assign accommodations to individual examinees.
 - Test coordinator will assign kits to examinees based on the examinees' ACT-approved accommodations.
 - ACT will no longer assign examinees a reference number.
- Schools be able to view the status of requests in TAA.
 - ACT will no longer send "preliminary roster" or "final roster."





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	Paper	Online			
What are the test dates?	See your Schedule of Events for your specific test dates.				
	One initial test date and one makeup test date	Eleven weekday test dates			
Is the same content covered?	The ACT taken on paper contains the same number of items and covers the same content as the ACT taken online.				
What subjects are included?	The ACT consists of four multiple-choice subtests: English, mathematics, reading, and science. If part of your testing program, the ACT writing test is also available.				
Is there a test booklet for each subject?	There is a test booklet for the multiple-choice questions and a separate test booklet for the writing test.	The test coordinator sets up a test session for each test room. The session includes multiple-choice and, if part of your testing program, the writing test.			
How do examinees submit responses?	The examinee grids responses on an answer document.	The examinee selects answers online.			
Is there a makeup test date?	Examinees who miss the initial test date may test on the makeup test date.	There are eleven days of testing. Examinees who miss a scheduled test date may test on one of the other available dates.			



What are the facility requirements?	Carrels, dividers, or partitions between examinees are not allowed.	Carrels, dividers, and partitions between examinees are allowed.		
	See the Summary of Requirements document for more information about facility requirements.			
What testing staff is needed?	Testing staff for the paper administration are:			
Who may serve as testing staff?	See the Summary of Requirements for more information about who may serve as testing staff.			
What is the role of the technical coordinator?	Not applicable The technical coordinator ensures the school's computers are network are ready for testing.			
What are the hardware and software requirements?		See the Technical Requirements document. http://www.act.org/aap/pdf/TechnicalRequirements.pdf		



A few additional items:

- Time limits for online testing are the same as the paper test.
- Scores from online testing mean the same thing as scores from paper testing.
- Schools must choose the mode of testing for their students: Paper or online.
- Technical requirements: The online version of the ACT will support current releases of major operating systems and browsers.
 Technical requirements for online testing are posted on the ACT/Utah state testing website: www.act.org/stateanddistrict/utah
- The last day to switch from online testing to paper is January 26, 2017.



Requirements for Online Administration

- School equipment must meet hardware, software, and other technical requirements defined by ACT, and performed during site readiness. Site readiness includes performing system checks to ensure technical requirements are met.
- ProctorCache software as defined by ACT in the Technical Guide for Online Testing must be installed

Important! If your school does not meet the requirements during site readiness or install ProctorCache software, ACT will change your administration from online to paper.



Technology



Online Testing Site Readiness Steps

To ensure technical readiness for the ACT taken online, your school must perform three steps:

Step 1

 Appoint a technical coordinator, review the technical requirements, and run the system check.

Step 2

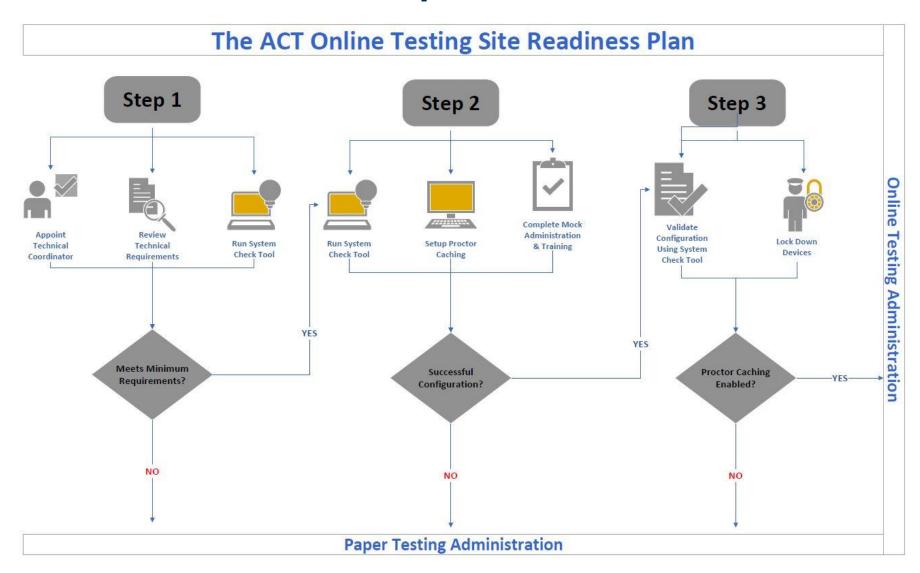
Set up proctor caching and complete the mock administration and training.

Step 3

Validate configuration using the system check tool and lock down devices.



Site Readiness Checkpoints





Technical Coordinator

 The technical coordinator helps the test coordinator set up computers for testing. The person in this role must be available on test day to assist and troubleshoot any technical issues that may arise.

Responsibilities

- Ensure the school's computers and infrastructure meet online testing requirements
- Help the test coordinator and other staff set up for test day
- Troubleshoot technical issues



Site Readiness

Category	Information You'll Need to Know		
Internet connection	 type of internet connection at your school internet bandwidth/speed 		
Devices	 number of devices available for examinees to use number of devices to be used for administrative access types of devices device owner 		
Operating System, Processor, Memory	 operating system for each device processor for each device memory for each device 		
Monitors	 screen resolution for each device display size of each device 		
Browsers	web browser to be used, if not using TestNav app Note: The only supported browser for TestNav is Firefox ESR 45 (32-bit).		



Hardware Requirements

Hardware Requirements (Minimum)	Windows	Macintosh (OS X)	Chrome OS (Chromebook)
Processor	x86/x32 and x64	only Intel-based™	Any
Memory	512 MB RAM	1 GB RAM	2 GB RAM
Screen size	9.5 inch	9.5 inch	9.5 inch
Screen resolution	1024 x 768	1024 x 768	1024 x 768
Input device	wired external keyboard and mouse	wired external keyboard and mouse	touchscreen not supported



Administrative Monitoring

- Each test room must have a separate computer for the room supervisor to access PAnext to:
 - Start/close test session
 - Monitor testing progress
- Room supervisor's computer must pass the technical check and be located in an area where all examinees are visible



"Locking Down" Computers

- For test content security purposes the ACT must be given using a "locked down" testing app, TestNav.
- Disabling the lockdown is strictly prohibited
- Applications that may automatically launch on a computer must be configure to <u>not</u> launch during testing sessions



Online Testing Components

PearsonAccessnext

Where student data is stored

TestNav

- Secure, browser based application used by students for online testing
- Uploads student responses to PAnext and saves an encrypted backup file as a student moves through the test.

ProctorCache

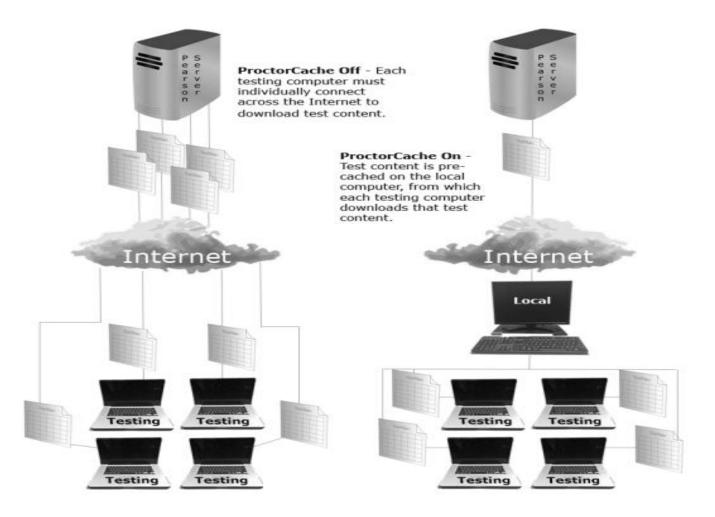
- Stores local cached copy of test content
- Saves bandwidth usage and quickly loads test

SystemCheck

- Evaluates testing workstation readiness
- Run from testing stations



Why Use Proctor Caching





What If?

- What happens if issues are encountered with the network during testing?
 - TestNav will save student responses to an encrypted backup file so the student can either continue testing or exit the system without losing response data.



PearsonAccess^{next} and the Role of the Test Coordinator



What is PAnext?

- Test management system
- All testing preparation will be done through PAnext. (It is important that you become familiar and comfortable with PAnext.)
- Activities that will occur in PAnext:
 - Assigning test sessions
 - Tracking inbound material
 - Ordering additional material
 - Adding/editing <u>all</u> students (paper testing and online testing)
 - Entering accommodations pin number (obtained from Test Accessibility and Accommodations [TAA])



Test Coordinator

The test coordinator (TC) is the main contact for ACT testing.



The test coordinator may choose to have a back-up test coordinator and test accommodations coordinator assist in testing activities.



 November 7th each Schools TC received an e-mail invitation to access PAnext

https://testadmin.act.org/

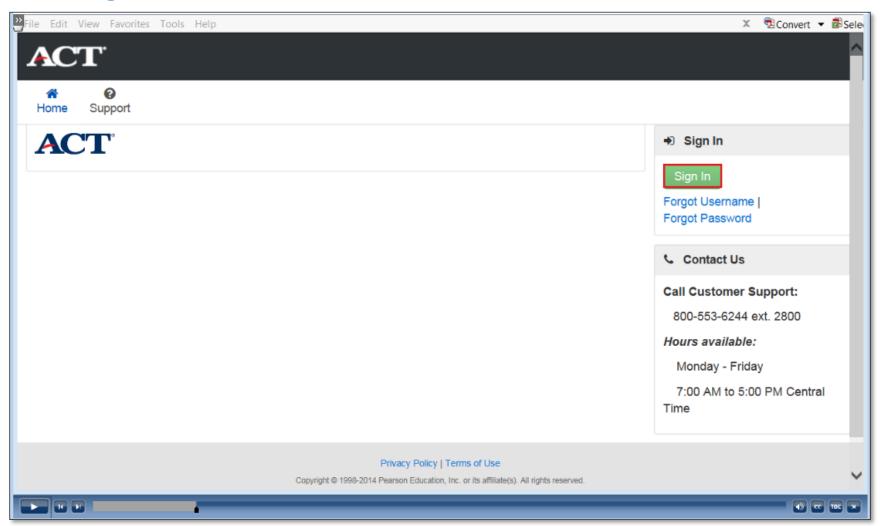
- You must complete "manage participation" by December 16th, 2017
- In addition to managing participation, you can also make edits to contacts and users at this time.



Participating Schools

- All schools are defaulted to participating.
- Materials receipt date—select options from "Receive initial materials the week of" dropdown.
 - Select choice of date to receive initial test materials; default is 2 weeks prior to initial test date.
- Indicate if not testing on the initial test date.
- Indicate if not participating in the ACT testing event and identify a reason.







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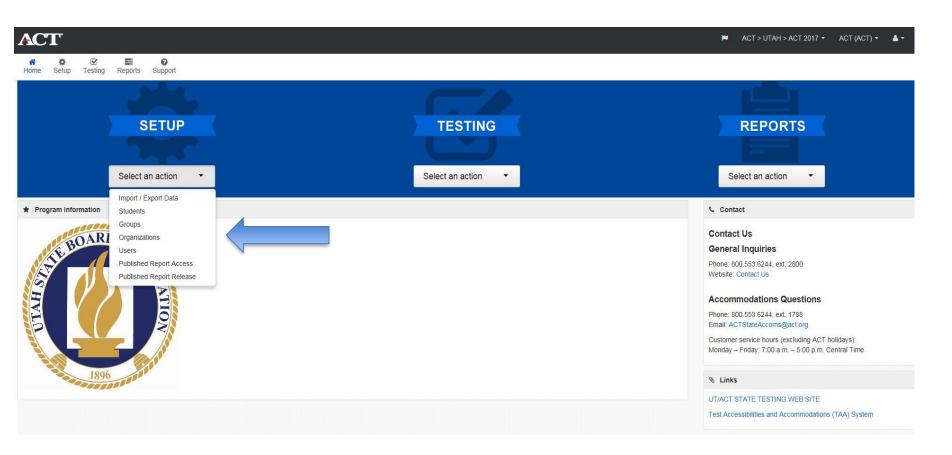
You meet the qualifications as outlined in the Summary of Requirements document and administration manual and will personally carry out the responsibilities of the test coordinator. You agree to take all steps necessary to arrange for appropriate testing facilities and test material security. You also agree to perform test administration duties in accordance with all policies and procedures provided by ACT. You understand and agree that during your term in your assigned role, you will not engage in any test preparation activities for ACT testing programs beyond our specifically defined school responsibilities. You agree to read and comply with all policies and procedures provided at any time by ACT which are relevant to the ACT testing program(s) that you are coordinating, including those listed in the administration manual. You agree to notify ACT of test administration or security concerns immediately and to cooperate fully in any investigation conducted by ACT.

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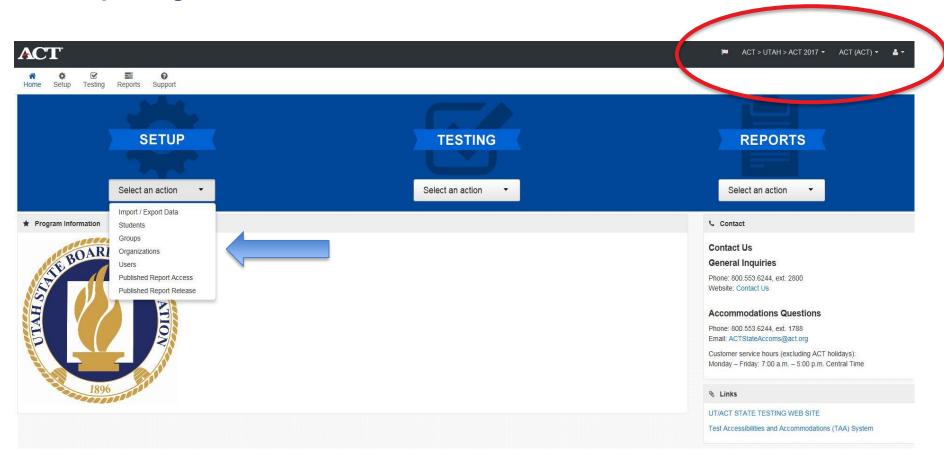


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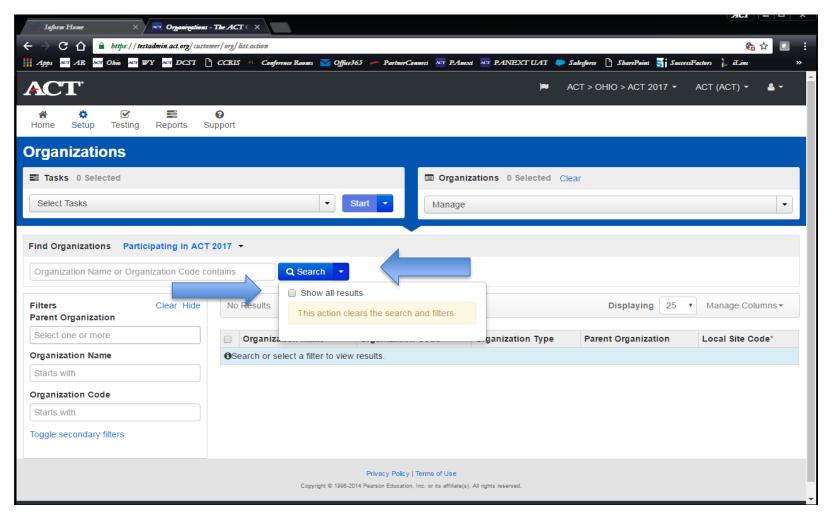


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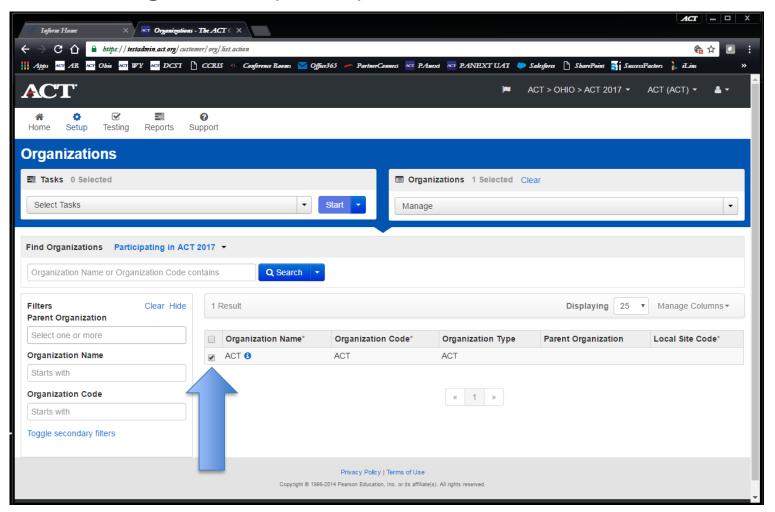


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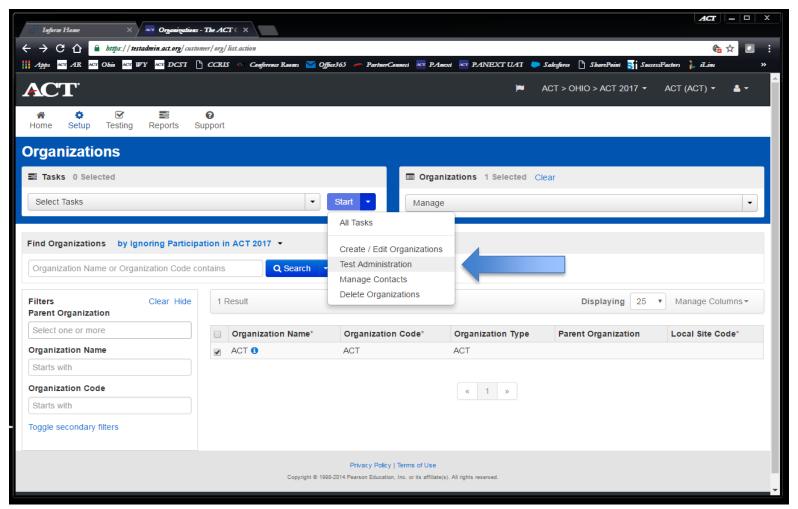


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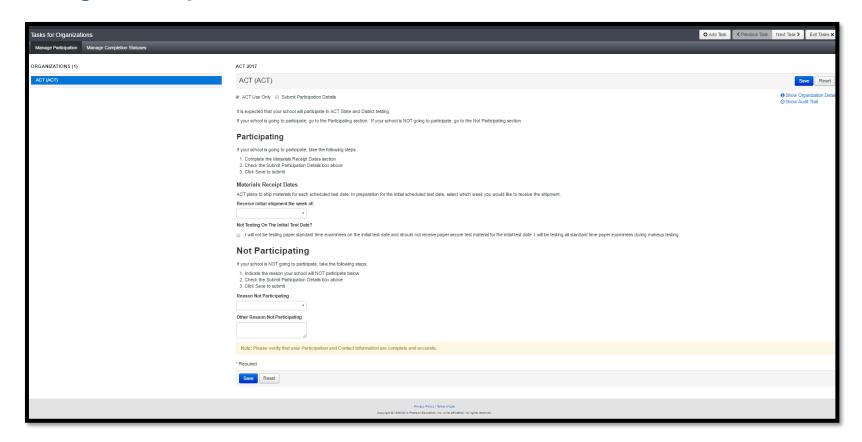


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Manage Participation Screen





Participating

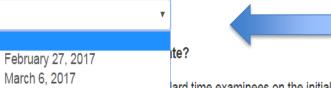
If your school is going to participate, take the following steps:

- 1. Complete the Materials Receipt Dates section
- 2. Check the Submit Participation Details box above
- 3. Click Save to submit

Materials Receipt Dates

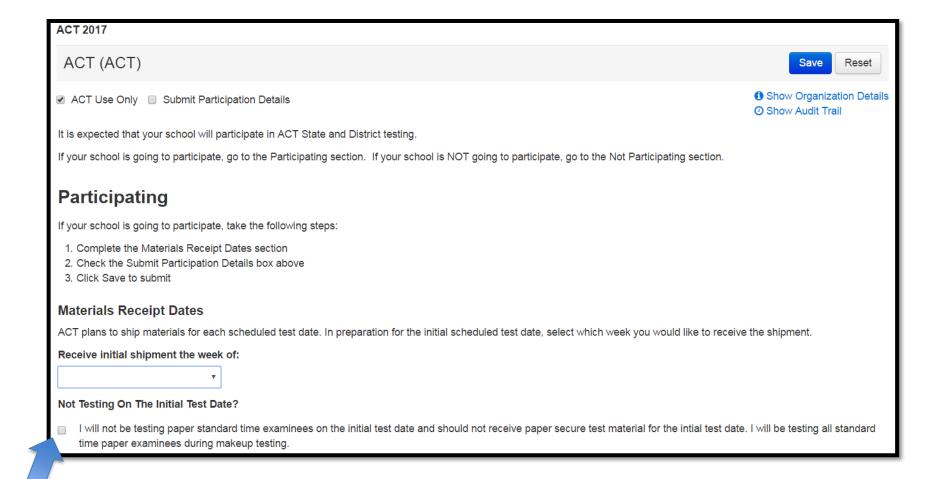
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Receive initial shipment the week of:



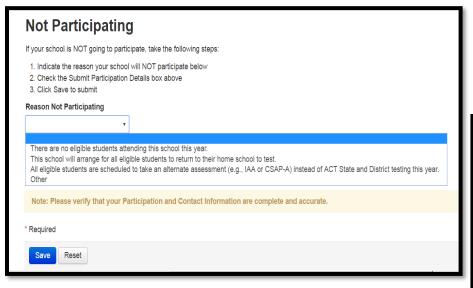
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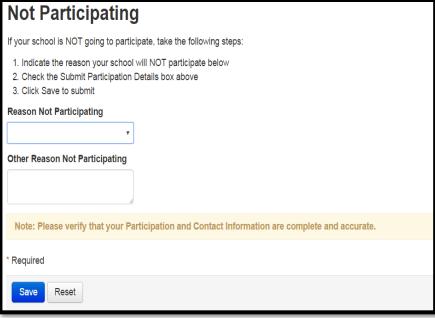




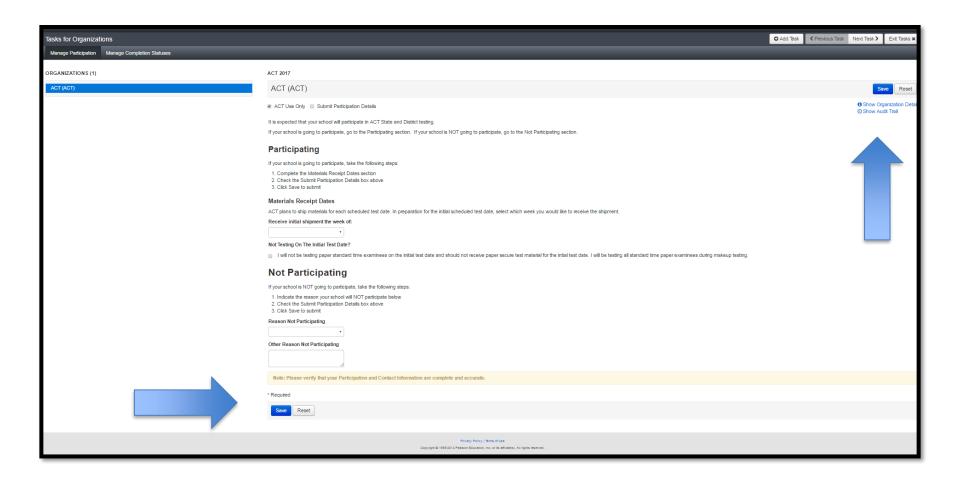


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Managing Contact and Users

 Contact- the person whom ACT communicates with regarding testing deadlines, dates, polices etc.

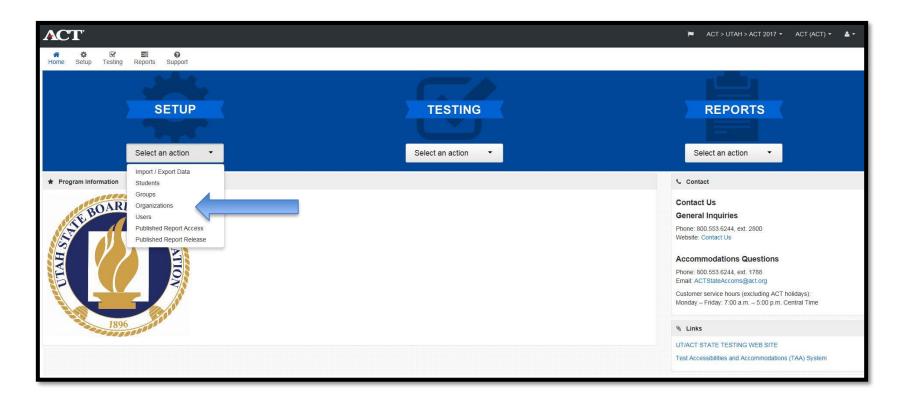
 User- is a person who has permissions to perform activities and tasks in PAnext.



- The test coordinator (TC) listed for each school and/or district is the person listed in these screens.
- The process for updating the TC information is the same as last year. Districtr TC will be required to make any changes to the TC at the school level.

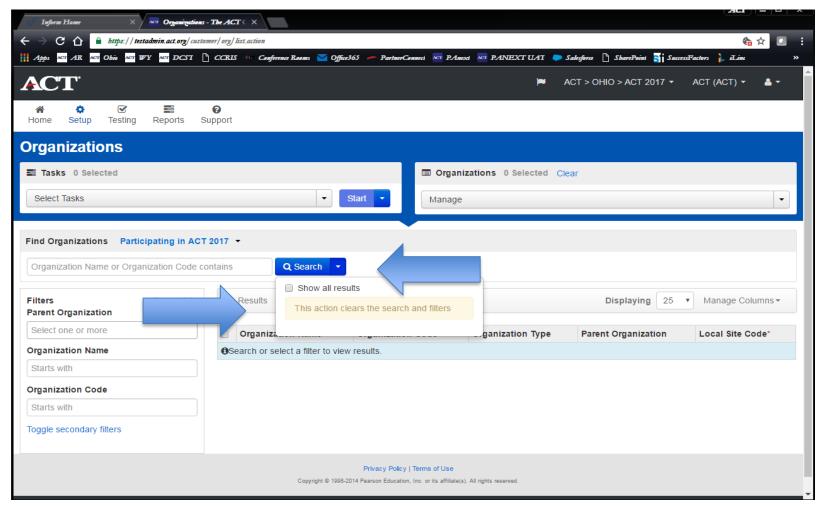


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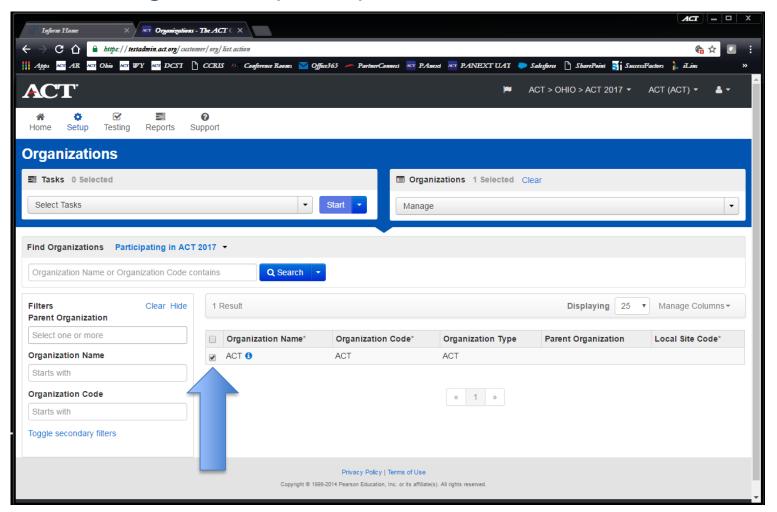


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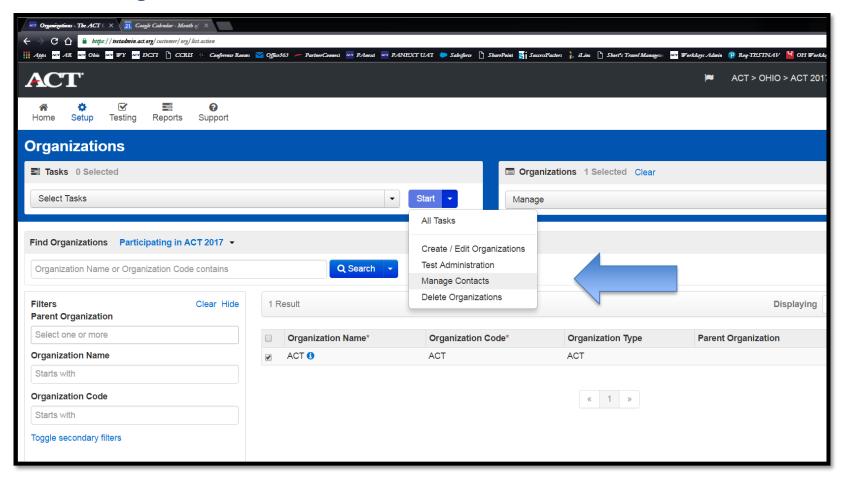


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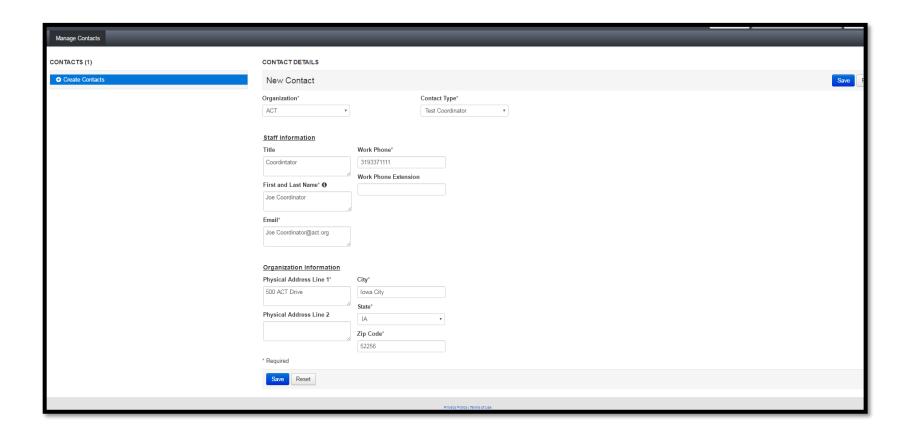


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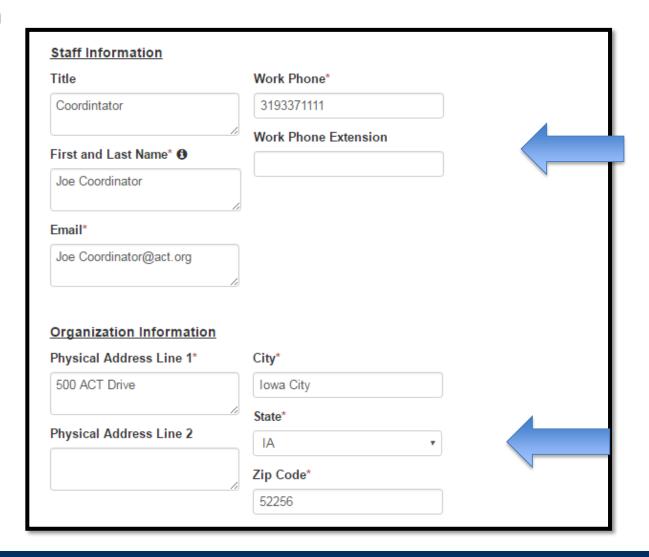


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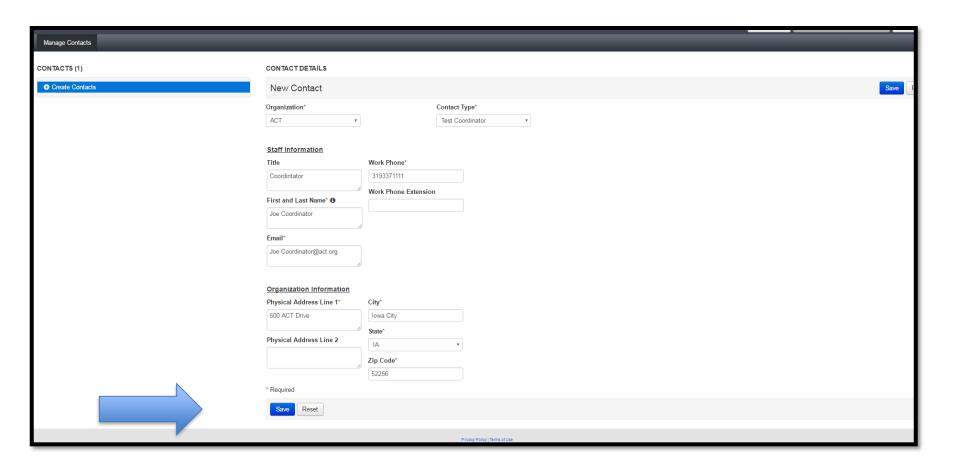




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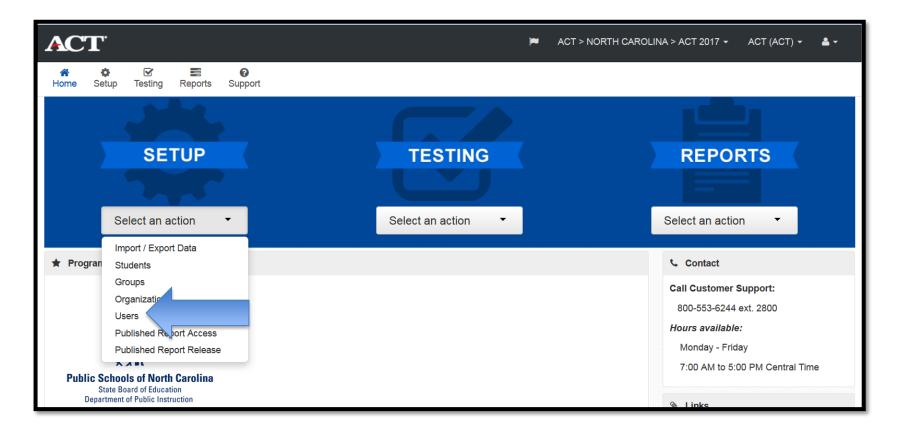




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- Every level can edit, create, or delete users that are under them in the identified hierarchy.

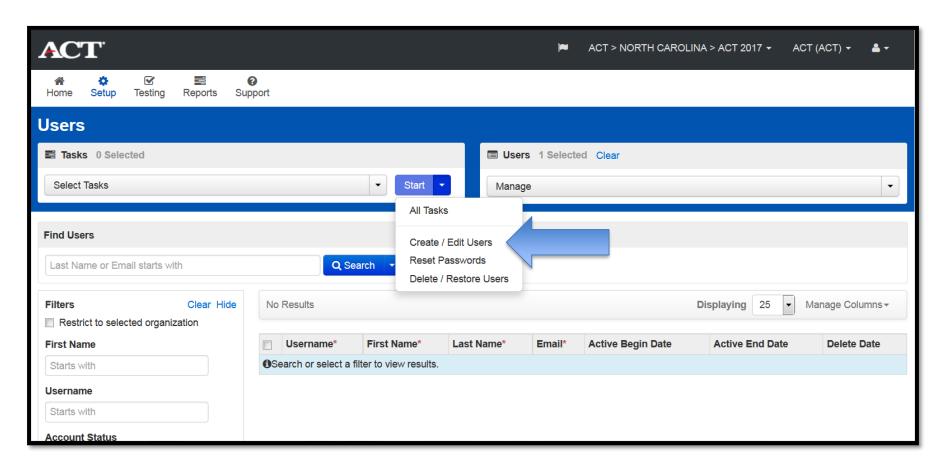


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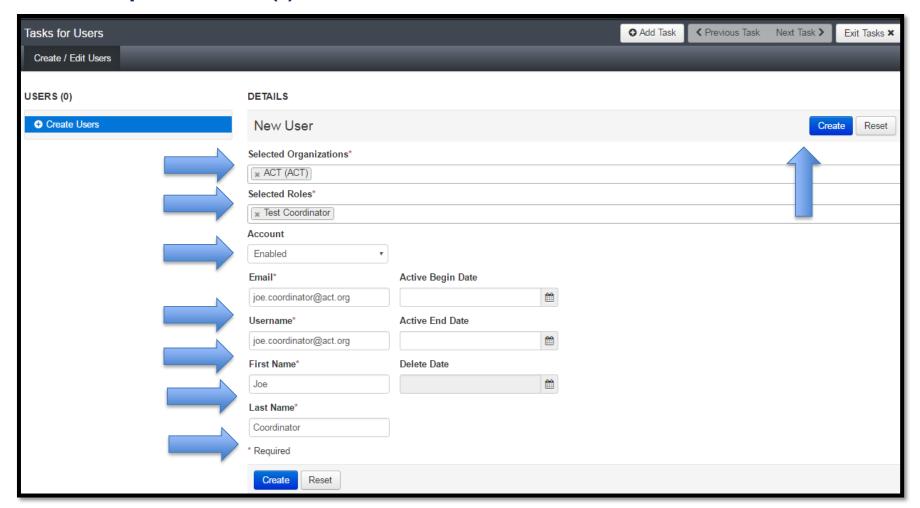


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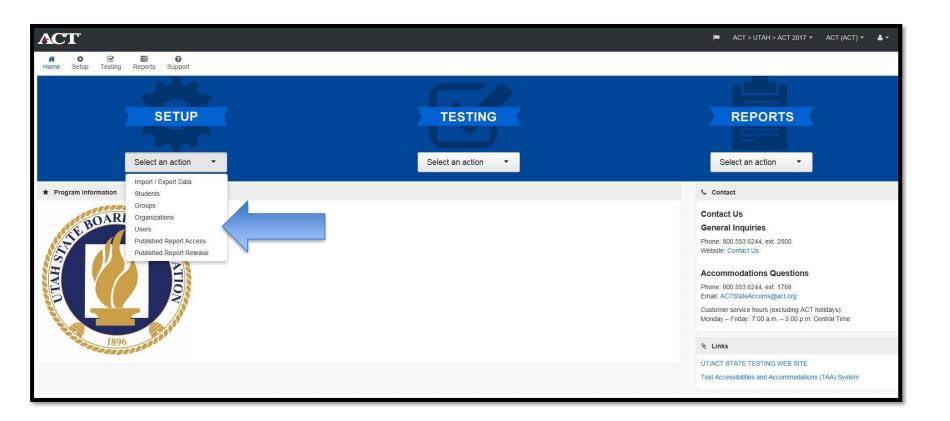




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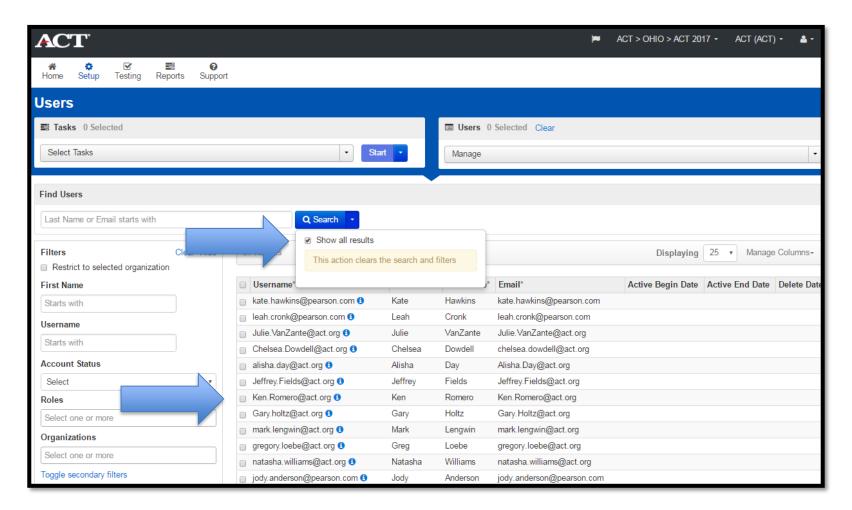


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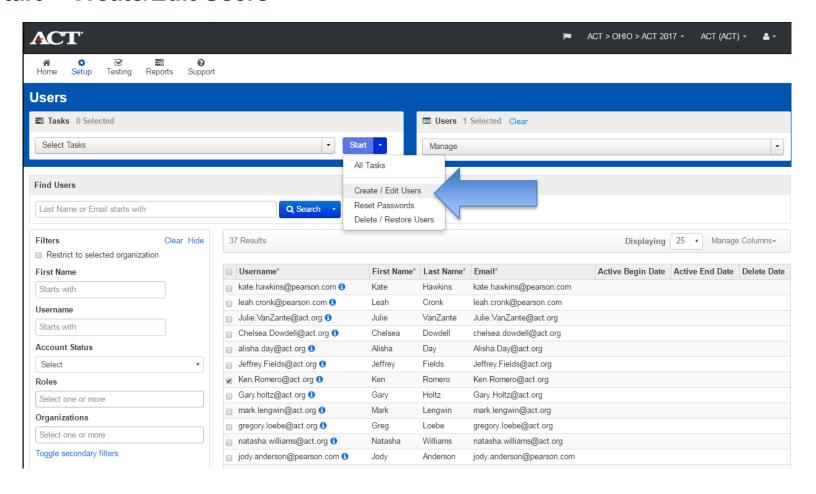


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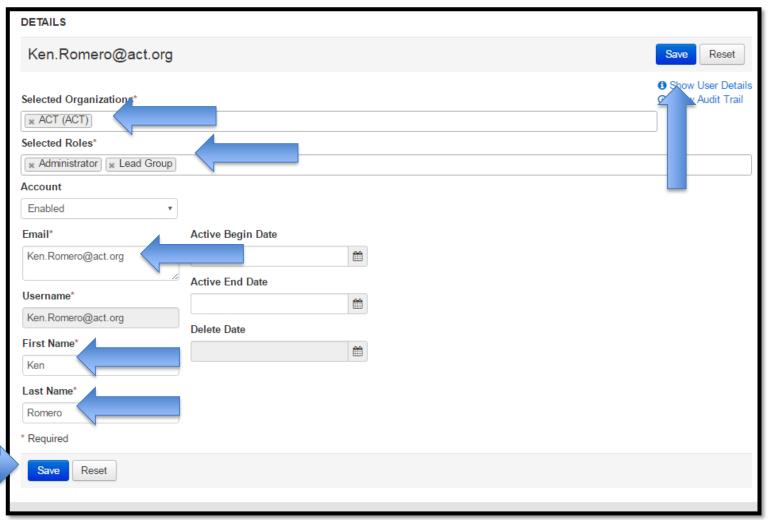


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Edit and Save





Reporting



ACT Test Reporting

Student Report

1 copy of the ACT Student Report sent to student's home address

School-Level Reports

- ACT Student Report (1)
- ACT Student Labels (2)
- ACT High School Check List Report (1)

The above reports will be sent to schools 3-8 weeks following receipt of answer documents.

- NEW! ACT State-Allowed Score Notification Letter (2)—delivered no later than July 7, 2017.
- ACT Profile Report- High School (1)—delivered no later than July 7, 2017.



ACT Test Reporting

- District-Level Reports
 - NEW! ACT Profile Report—High School
 - ACT Profile Summary Report—District
 - ACT Student Level Data File

Delivered no later than July 7, 2017.



Utah Accommodations for Spring 2017 Testing



Accommodations

- Two types of accommodations will be available:
 - Non-college reportable accommodations
 - ACT-approved accommodations

There are also locally approved accommodations.



Locally Approved Accommodations

- May be provided without ACT review or approval if all of the following apply:
 - Accommodations are consistent with the plan on file at school
 - Accommodations do not disrupt testing
 - Accommodations does not afford an advantage for the examinee
 - There are no unauthorized breaks
- May be provided in all testing situations.
 - Standard time
 - ACT-approved accommodations



Locally Approved Accommodations

- Preferential seating (e.g. front of room)
 - To hear properly, or wheelchair access
- Small group or individual testing
- Snack, drink, or medication for an examinee with a medical need
 - Test individually to avoid disturbing others
- Sign language interpreter
 - Not a relative
 - For directions and time cues only



Non-College Reportable Accommodations

- No ACT approval required
- Not college reportable
- Ordering information: A small overage of accommodations materials will be sent to your school. If you will need additional materials beyond what is being sent, the test coordinator will need to place an additional order.



ACT-Approved Accommodations

- Fully reportable to:
 - colleges
 - scholarships agencies
 - other entities
- Must have current at least one of the following:
 - Individualized Education Program (IEP)
 - Section 504 plan
 - An official accommodation plan



ACT-Approved Accommodations Request Process

- Request must be done through TAA
 - You must have trusted agent access to enter this site.
 - Available on state testing website
- Receipt deadline: January 20, 2017



Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA)

- Submitting requests for accommodations to ACT
- Checking the status of requests
- Reviewing decision notifications
- Requesting reconsideration of requests that were not approved initially, if applicable
- Viewing examinee information for planning purposes, as needed



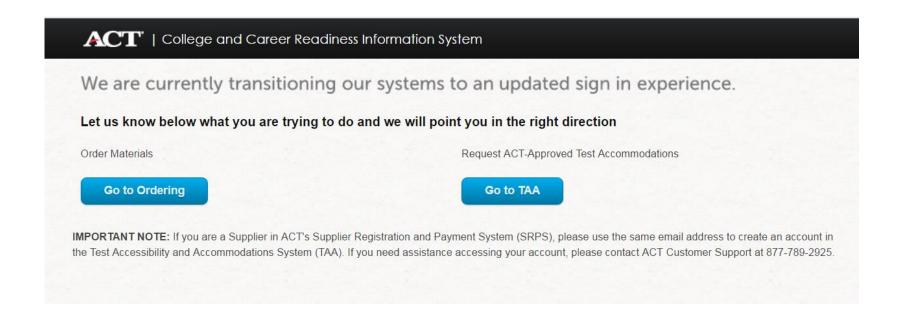
ACT-Approved Accommodations Request Process

- Accounts may be created and accessed only by representatives from schools that have relationships with ACT—the test coordinator.
- Once test coordinator manages access to TAA as the administrator for your school, the test coordinator can invite others to create an account and assist with accommodations requests. Those invited to create an account by the test coordinator will have the test accommodations coordinator (TAC) role.

Important! The TC should request the test coordinator role right away.



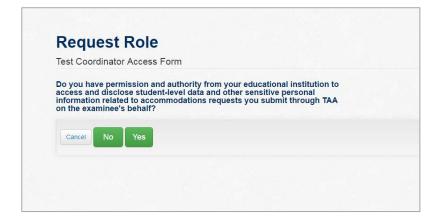
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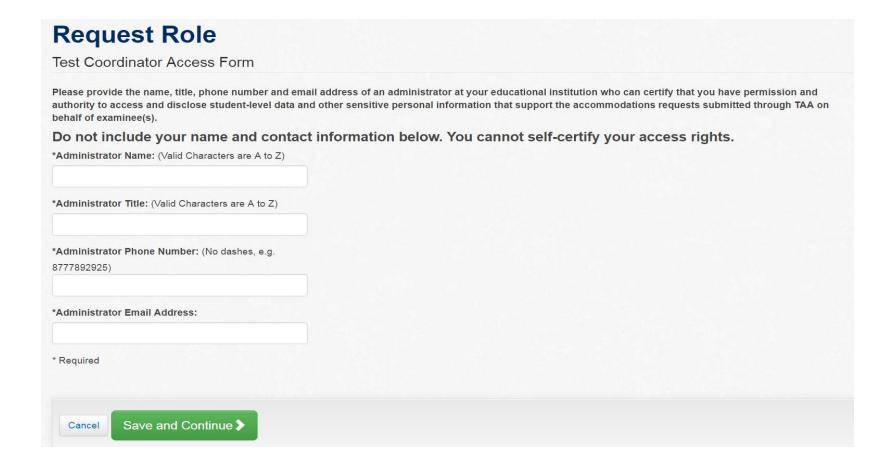
















Fri 8/12/2016 11:33 AM

TAAVerification <sf_noreply@act.org>

Validating Test Coordinator Access in TAA

o Jane Smith

Retention Policy ACT eMail Retention (1 year)

Expires 8/13/2017

Dear Jane Smith

Nathan Graber provided your name and indicated that you are a school administrator who can validate access rights to the Test Accessibility and Accommodations System (TAA). TAA is used by school employees to request accommodations for examinees

Please respond to this email and state whether you certify that the test coordinator has permission and authority to access and disclose student-level data and other sensitive personal information to support accommodations requests submitted through TAA on behalf of examinees that attend your school.

Note: The test coordinator CANNOT submit requests for accommodations until we receive your response and an ACT administrator reviews the same. This review could take up to 5 business days. All accommodations requests must be submitted by the registration deadline for the examinee's preferred test date. If you do not respond in a timely manner the examinee may have to test without necessary accommodations or on a future test date.

Thank you.

ACT Customer Service

Have a question or need help?

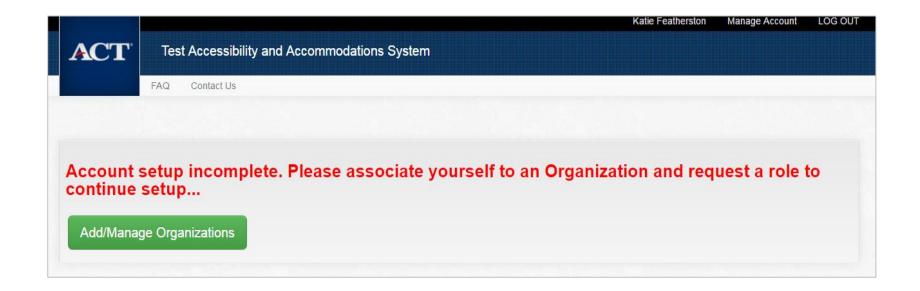
- * Email us anytime: actaccom@act.org
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Phone Availability M-F 8:30 AM to 5PM CT

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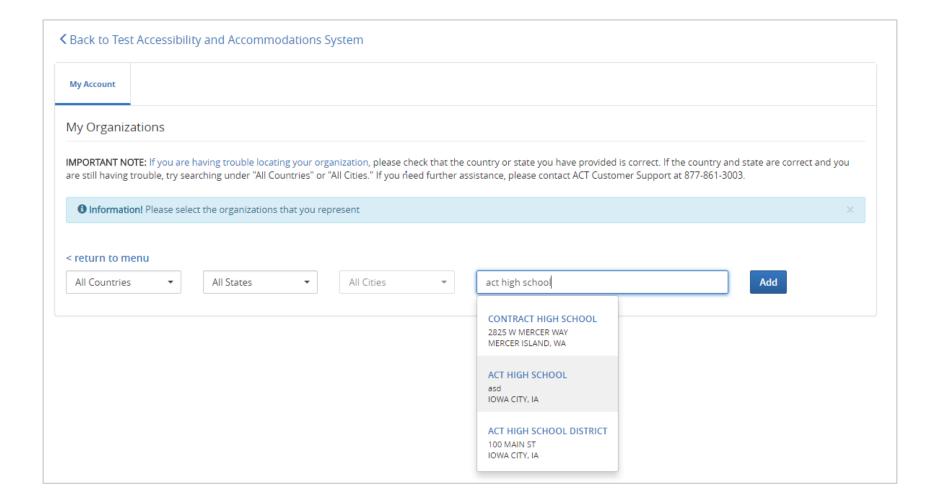


Associating/Adding Your Organization in TAA





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Things To Start Thinking About



- Facilities planning
- Computer room setup and meeting minimum requirement
- Planning for uninterrupted testing
- Selecting staff that meet ACT's testing staff requirements
 - Room supervisor
 - Proctor (if needed)
 - Roving proctor
- Training staff
- Planning for pre-test session/non-cognitive session
- Ensuring that testing material is secure before and after testing

More information to be shared at an upcoming training. You can also refer to the material posted on the state testing website.



Off-Site Testing Requirements

- Testing must only occur at a location that meets ACT facility requirements.
- Off-site testing is available for all days of testing: Initial, makeup, and/or testing with accommodations.



ACT Calculator Policy

- ACT's policy applies to all ACT testing, including inschool state administrations.
- Updated policy can be found on actstudent.org:
 - www.actstudent.org/faq/calculator.html
 - Calculators with built-in CAS functions are prohibited.
 - Some calculators are permitted, but only if CAS functionality/programs have been removed.
- It is the examinee's responsibility to know if his/her calculator is permitted for ACT testing.



Resources and Upcoming Trainings



Training Opportunities

- ACT Accommodations Webcast (on demand)
 - Currently available
- ACT Accommodations Q&A (live)
 - December 2, 2016 10:00 am MT (11:00 am CST)
- ACT Test Administration Webcast (on demand)
 - Available on a rolling basis beginning November 7, 2016
- ACT Test Administration Q&A (live)
 - November 18, 2016 10:00 am MT (11:00 am CST)
 - February 10, 2017 10:00 am MT (11:00 am CST)



ACT and Utah Web Resources

- ACT State Testing Website for Utah
 - www.act.org/aap/utah/act.html
- ACTStudent.org website
 - www.actstudent.org
- ACT Calculator Policy and FAQ
 - www.actstudent.org/faq/calculator.html



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